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HOGSETT NAMES NEW LEADERSHIP IN UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

PRESS RELEASE

INDIANAPOLIS - Joseph H. Hogsett, United States Attorney, announced today the selection of his new management team. Josh Minkler will serve as the First Assistant U.S. Attorney beginning April 1, 2011, replacing Timothy M. Morrison who is retiring. Josh has served most recently as the Chief of the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force. He has been an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Indiana since 1994. Prior to joining the USAO, he was an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Kent County, Michigan. A native of Muncie, Indiana, Minkler graduated from Muncie Northside High School in 1981, Wabash College in 1985 and Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington in 1988.

Hogsett also selected Joe H. Vaughn to serve as the Chief of the Criminal Division effective April 2, 2011, replacing Christina McKee who is also retiring. Vaughn has served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Indiana since 1995. From 1990 to 1995, Vaughn was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Southern District of Florida. He graduated from DePauw University in 1979, and from Temple University School of Law in 1982.

Hogsett said, "it is with mixed emotion that this office bids farewell to the great leadership provided by Tim Morrison and Christina McKee. But we are all very excited about the potential exhibited by the new leadership team, headed by Josh Minkler and Joe Vaughn.

Both Josh and Joe have long and distinguished prosecutorial tenures with this Office. They are well-liked and well-respected by all of those in the law enforcement community. And, more importantly, they are feared by those who choose to run afoul of the law. They understand and will implement the 'doing more with less' philosophy of government service that I bring with me to this office. They also bring a level of energy that will renew the Office's mission to help keep the people of Indiana safe and secure."

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